

**281—91.4(294A) Development of plan.**

**91.4(1) *Plan submission.*** On or before April 15 of each school year, school district boards of directors interested in receiving phase III funds shall submit a plan to the department for the coming school year. AEA boards of directors shall submit a plan to the department on or before June 15 for the coming school year. Plans submitted shall be on forms provided by the department in the format specified by the department.

In districts organized for collective bargaining purposes under Iowa Code chapter 20, the portions of the proposed plan that are within the scope of the negotiations specified in Iowa Code section 20.9 require the mutual agreement by April 15 for plans submitted to the department for approval for the coming year. In AEAs organized for collective bargaining purposes under Iowa Code chapter 20, the portions of the proposed plan that are within the scope of the negotiations specified in Iowa Code section 20.9 require the mutual agreement by June 15 for plans submitted to the department for approval for the coming year.

Compliance with this process shall be ensured in the plan application.

**91.4(2) *Joint plans.*** Plans may be submitted jointly by two or more boards (district/district, district/AEA) provided all compliances have been met. Districts which are whole-grade sharing are encouraged to submit a joint plan.

**91.4(3) *Multiple year plans.*** Districts and AEAs are encouraged to implement comprehensive strategic plans for meeting identified district and AEA needs and goals. However, phase III plan approval shall be on an annual basis. Districts and AEAs wishing to receive phase III funds for a given year must submit a plan to the department by the deadline in order to be considered for funding for the coming school year.

**91.4(4) *Amendments.*** Amendments to an approved plan may be submitted at any time during the plan year on forms provided by the department in the format specified by the department. Amendments to the plan must be approved by the department prior to implementation.